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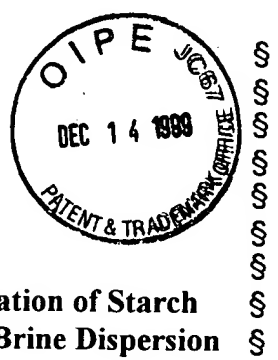
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Chesser, et al.

Serial No.: 08/869,109

Filed: June 4, 1997

For: Controlled Hydration of Starch
in High Density Brine Dispersion



Group Art Unit: 1721

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RESPONSE TO SECOND OFFICE ACTION

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This paper is filed in response to the office action mailed September 28, 1999. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the withdrawal of the rejection over DD '559, House, and Mondshine. The following arguments are submitted in response to the new rejections.

AMENDMENTS

Claim 1, line 1, please delete the word "hydrating" and insert therefor the word --prehydrating--.

Claim 1, line 12, please delete the phrase "even absent other solvating agents."

Claim 26, line 5, please delete the phrase "even absent other solvating agents."

Claim 42, line 10, please delete the phrase "even absent other solvating agents."

Claim 57, line 7, please delete the phrase "even absent other solvating agents."